

RAILWAY KINGS IN CONFERENCE.

New York Meeting to Discuss Problems.

WESTERN COMBINATION A TOPIC.

Prospective Effort to Overcome Animosity to Consolidation Plan—Call Issued by Harriman, Hill and Gould.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—The presidents of all the Western railroads have been called to meet today for a conference in this city, and the meeting is regarded as the most important and significant of its kind that has ever been held.

Questions of traffic and rates and the best means of preserving the rates in the West are not the only problems that will come before the conference.

Consolidation Matter.
The formation of the Northern Securities Company, the consolidation of the Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Burlington systems thus accomplished, and the antagonism which the deal has aroused in the Northwest, leading to legal proceedings and a legislative action, will form a special topic, and if reports are true, the most important subject to be considered by the conference.

To Overcome Antagonism.
Antagonism to railroad combination is so manifest in the West that the question of how best to accomplish such combinations when desired will be the prime question discussed at the meeting scheduled for tomorrow.

The meeting today is to be devoted to preliminary work and the minor questions, but the question of the Northern Securities' charter and its alleged defects may be discussed.

Source of the Call.
The call for the meeting was issued by E. H. Harriman, James J. Hill, and George J. Gould. These three men represent the greater part of the mileage of the Western roads, the Union Pacific, Northern Pacific, Great Northern, Burlington, and Missouri Pacific systems.

The question of arriving at an agreement on rates is not so urgent at the present time, as the recent big deal has brought so many of the roads under one management.

FILIPINOS RETURN CAPTIVE.

Abduct on American School Teacher, But Soon Tire of Him.

Filipines caught a tarantula with force and arms they feloniously stole, took, and carried away from his friends in Lucban, southern Luzon, one John Martin, an American school teacher. A report to the War Department states they tried of his learned company in less than twenty-four hours and returned him, freight prepaid, when they had purloined him.

Mr. Martin is one of those teachers imported by the Philippine government to instruct the Filipino youth in the "three R's" with a post graduate course in history, the higher mathematics, and Supreme Court decisions.

His assigned station was Mauban, but the other day he ventured on a trip to the neighboring hamlet of Lucban, where his abduction followed. The capture of a native police. The reports do not state that the latter made any determined resistance to his capture.

MRS. ARMOUR TO MARRY.

Will Become the Bride of P. A. Valentine.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—Mrs. P. D. Armour, who is stopping at the Netherlands Hotel, has made the formal announcement that she is engaged to be married to P. A. Valentine, one of the executives of her first husband's estate and an influential partner in the firm of Armour & Co. The wedding will take place on the last Wednesday in April, in this city.

Five years ago Mr. Valentine lost his wife, who was Miss Helen Henderson, a prominent Chicago society girl. A year later his business on the Stock Exchange went to pieces and he was obliged to ask his friend, Philip D. Armour, Jr., for a position with the Armours. His ability brought him to the front again and he won back the millions he had lost.

Mrs. Armour is a woman of extraordinary beauty. Before her marriage, she was Miss May Lester, daughter of John T. Lester, a board of trade operator. She is the daughter of Philip D. D. and Lester Armour, both of whom are getting ready for preparatory school. At the death of her husband last January, an estate valued at \$8,000,000 was left to Mrs. Armour and the children.

The Speaker's Messenger.
Speaker Henderson has appointed H. W. Garner, of Dubuque, Iowa, to the position of messenger stationed at the Speaker's desk.

LOOK IT UP.

Perhaps Coffee Is the Cause of Your Trouble.

Eating or drinking the wrong kind of food or beverage will set up disease if persisted in. That is particularly true of the more starchy foods and coffee. The trouble may show in a variety of different ways.

It is safe to say that if one is ailing in any part of the body reached by the nervous system, it would be of advantage to such an one to exchange coffee for Postum Food Coffee, and quit much use of white bread and take on Grape-Nuts Breakfast Food.

A New York man's experience is worth knowing. He says: "I was for a long time troubled with general weakness and loss of ambition. I was not knowing the cause. Always after eating I would find myself practically helpless, and when I reached home at night could only find relief after drinking Postum Food Coffee, and as a last resort got to bed."

"I could look back to the days when I was athletic and full of ambition, but what made the change I could not figure out. I lost eighteen pounds of flesh, and seemed to be entering a chronic state of invalidism."

"One day my eye caught the argument in one of the advertisements for Postum Food Coffee, and it occurred to me that perhaps coffee was getting in its work on me without my knowledge. At age rate, I must do something; so I quit drinking coffee altogether and took on Postum, and also began the use of Grape-Nuts Breakfast Food. In a short time I began to enjoy life again. Found myself running up stairs two steps at a time, and a general return of energy, ambition and strength. I not only regained my eighteen pounds, but put seven more on top of it. Now we always have Grape-Nuts and Postum, each meal. The children drink the Food Coffee as well as wife and myself, and I will guarantee there is no healthier family in New York." Phil M. Farley, 189 Williams St., New York.

GENERAL HAZEN DEAD.

An Attack of Nervous Prostration Proves Fatal.

Gen. A. D. Hazen, ex-Assistant Postmaster General, died at 10:30 o'clock last night at his residence, 1221 L Street northwest.

General Hazen had been in very poor health for the past three years. The immediate cause of his death is not known, but is supposed to have been a severe attack of nervous prostration.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow at 4 o'clock, after which the remains will be conveyed to Mount Bethel, Northampton County, Pa., for interment.

General Hazen was born sixty-one years ago and celebrated his thirty-sixth wedding anniversary the 15th of last month.

He entered the Postoffice Department many years ago as a \$1,200 clerk, and was promoted to chief of the Division of Postage Stamps, July 1, 1877, he was appointed, under Postmaster General David M. Key, Third Assistant Postmaster General, under whose appointment he served until April 1, 1887.

He was reappointed March 18, 1889, and served through Harrison's Administration, retiring from official life May 15, 1893.

After leaving public life he became an attorney and had been fiscal agent in Washington for the State of Pennsylvania for several years.

He leaves a widow and one daughter—Mrs. H. C. Duffy—and five brothers—Dr. David H. Hazen and Dr. William P. C. Hazen, both of Washington, and Messrs. W. Scott Hazen, Jacob J. Hazen and Nathan Hazen, all of Pennsylvania.

BABCOCK TO FIGHT COMBINES.

Will Introduce His Anti-Trust Bill at Opposite Time.

Representative Babcock of Wisconsin, who is frequently referred to by some of his Republican colleagues as the "Trust Smasher," is still determined to earn the title. He has not yet introduced his measure looking to the removal of tariff duties from trust manufactured goods, but says he will do so as soon as he considers the moment opportune.

"I am determined to make the fight," he said today, "and I expect to find a good deal of support on the Republican side. I have heard that some people are trying to induce the Speaker to fail to introduce his bill on the Ways and Means Committee. I do not think anyone influential enough to bring this about has yet had the Speaker's ear."

"As far as I am concerned I would be just as well pleased if I did not get back on the committee, for I would then be entirely free to concentrate in the fight. But if I am not put back it will not be on personal grounds. It will be because I am representing a certain principle, and in this way I will be able to furnish a very dangerous precedent."

MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL PLANS.

Programme Arranged for the Competition of Architects.

As a result of the conference between the District Commissioners and Mr. Edmund M. Wheelwright, the advisory architect, last week, the programme of competition for the plans of the proposed municipal hospital building has been prepared, and is now ready for distribution.

The main features of the programme are that the preliminary plans or sketches for the proposed buildings shall be submitted to the District Commissioners not later than February 8, 1902.

These sketches will not be accompanied with any detail drawing, but shall be preliminary plans only. From them, the programme announces, the Commissioners and their professional adviser will select three plans, the makers of which will be required to submit detail drawings.

From these three the final plans will be selected. Certain specifications relative to the preliminary drawings are set forth in the programme of a professional and technical nature.

It will be recalled that several months ago the Commissioners advertised the plans through a specially prepared programme. Architects wishing to compete stated that they were unable to do so on account of the late hour of the advertisement of the plans. They also expressed dissatisfaction with the entire absence of professional talent in the selection of the plans.

This led to the abandonment of the original plan and to the appointment of Mr. Wheelwright, the professional architect, as the adviser of the Commissioners in drawing up the programme and in the final selection of plans.

TO PROHIBIT FOOTBALL.

Representative Wachter to Offer a Bill as to Army-Navy Cadets.

The intense rivalry that exists between the cadets at West Point and Annapolis for supremacy on the gridiron has aroused Representative Wachter, of Missouri, the member from Baltimore, to opposition.

He is drafting a measure to put an effective stop to the annual contest between these two scholastic branches of the Government service. Representative Wachter says that football is not sport in the real sense of the word, and characterizes the game as brutal and inhuman.

The legislative action that Mr. Wachter proposes to introduce will be in the shape of a joint resolution. He will insist that such contests are contrary to the intent and purposes of the Government in sending the future leaders of their country to school to be educated in the science of warfare, and is not included in their curriculum.

That football between the cadets was recognized by the War and Navy Departments was shown by the Maryland Congressman, and its endorsement by the President, who attended the recent game.

GEN. GROSVENOR AGAIN HAPPY.

Many Changes Among Representatives Give Him His Old Seat.

Representative Grosvenor secured possession of his old seat in the House yesterday, and was very much pleased. It had fallen into the hands of Representative Dabell, but through the courtesy of Representatives Morrill of Pennsylvania and Tompkins of Ohio, Mr. Grosvenor was given the seat directly behind the one he formerly occupied.

Yesterday Mr. Dabell exchanged seats with Mr. Wright of Iowa, thereby securing an aisle seat in the first aisle from the center on the Republican side, and near Mr. Payne, the floor leader.

Mr. Wright then exchanged with Representative Grosvenor, and the latter had his old seat once more.

COLONEL SABIN TO SPEAK.

Address by the Reform Christian Scientist Next Sunday.

The fourth of the series of non-sectarian and inter-denominational evangelistic services under the direction of the Rev. George Buckler will be held in the Columbia Theatre next Sunday evening, at 7:45 o'clock.

The principal address of the evening will be made by Col. Oliver C. Sabin, the Reform Christian Scientist. There will be no reserved seats and no tickets. All seats will be free. No collection will be taken during the service, but a silver offering will be received at the door.

LONDON COMMENT

ON THE MESSAGE.

THE POLICIES WELL RECEIVED.

English Support of Monroe Doctrine Likely—Sounds the Doom of European Ambitions in South America.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—All the afternoon papers comment on President Roosevelt's message.

The "Daily Mail Gazette" thinks the message will be something of a surprise to those who had expected to find therein the dashing, dare-devilry of the commander of the Rough Riders. The President, on the other hand, has become conservative, almost reactionary. The "Gazette" concludes by declaring that the President's enunciation of the Monroe Doctrine will meet with universal acceptance not only in the old country, but throughout Europe.

Strikes a Strong Note.

The "St. James Gazette" says the message strikes a note of conscious strength and assured success. It welcomes the Isthmian Canal treaty as removing the chances of friction to which any joint obligations would have given rise. The "Gazette" condemns any repetition of the old sneer about grateful concessions in connection with the Clayton-Bulwer Treaty.

The American Doctrine.

The "Westminster Gazette" devotes practically the whole of its leader to the President's reference to the Monroe Doctrine, which it thinks will cause a flutter throughout Europe. It says the American doctrine, backed by the American surplus, means that many European ambitions in South America are foredoomed to failure.

The paper thinks that it is Great Britain's policy to stand by the United States, "but," concludes the "Gazette," "the claims of the United States must seem inordinate to many of our European neighbors."

OLD SOLDIER FOUND DEAD.

Willard Fales, Veteran of the Army and Soldiers' Home Inmate.

Willard Fales was found dead in the woods on the Robinson estate, north of the Soldiers' Home, about 8 o'clock this morning.

He was an inmate of the home and a veteran of twenty years' service in the Union army.

The body was removed to the morgue, where the coroner has directed that an autopsy be held this afternoon. Death is believed to have resulted from alcoholism and exposure.

Fales was fifty-eight years old, and a native of Michigan. During the civil war he was a captain in a colored regiment, and afterward enlisted in the regular army, where he was assigned to Company K, of the Sixteenth Infantry.

At his own request he was honorably discharged March 9, 1898. Since then he has frequently lived at the Soldiers' Home, returning there last Sunday.

On Monday night he was found in an intoxicated condition in the vestibule of the governor's quarters of the home, and was locked up at the Tenth precinct until sobered up. Last night he was absent from the home without leave, and was seen under the influence of liquor.

COMMISSARY OF HOLY LAND.

The Very Rev. Leonard Newkirk Appointed by General of Order.

The Very Rev. Leonard Newkirk, O. F. M., has been appointed commissary of the Holy Land for the United States to succeed the Rev. Godfrey Schilling. The Franciscan Monastery of Mount St. Sepulchre, located just beyond Brookland, will be his headquarters.

The appointment was made at Rome by the general of the order, and the news has been received by the Brookland monastery.

Father Newkirk is now in Rome, where he has been for some time. He is expected to leave there at once for America. The term of his appointment is for six years.

He will have charge of the raising of funds for the Holy Land throughout the three jurisdictions in the United States—the province of St. Louis, which includes all monasteries west of the Mississippi; the province of Cincinnati, which embraces those between the Alleghenies and the Mississippi; and the province of Buffalo, which includes the eastern one.

Father Newkirk will also be superior at Mount St. Sepulchre.

FINED HIM HIS LIMIT.

Hospital Corps Man Attacks the Maudlin House.

Alexander W. Goodwin, twenty-two years old, a member of the Hospital Corps, was a prisoner in the Police Court today, charged with disorderly conduct and with annoying public peace.

A policeman testified that the young man was under the influence of liquor yesterday, and that when ordered out of the Maudlin Building, now used as an annex to the United States Senate, went to the rear of the building and rammed his fist through a glass door.

"What have you to say?" asked Judge Kimball.

"Nothing, except that I'm due to leave for the Philippines tonight," answered Goodwin.

"How much have you?"

"Six dollars."

"Three dollars in each case," said his honor.

STRUCK A SWITCH ENGINE.

A Passenger Train Derailed at Shermerville, Pa.

CHICAGO, Dec. 4.—A passenger train on the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad, going at fifty miles an hour, was wrecked last night at Shermerville, a small station, about twenty miles from Chicago.

The train collided with a switch engine standing on a siding, but jutting slightly out on the main track. The passenger engine and the switch engine were both struck by the rails. They were not tipped over, however, and only two passengers were hurt, beside Engineer Pritchard and Fireman Fobbe.

Pritchard suffered a fracture of the right arm and a scalp wound. Both of Rubbles' legs were broken and several of his ribs fractured, and all the coaches of the train were derailed.

ROSSLYN SUES FOR DIVORCE.

Brings Action Against the Countess on Grounds of Desertion.

EDINBURGH, Dec. 4.—Lord Rosslyn has brought a new action for divorce on the ground of desertion by his wife. A similar action against the countess on the same technical ground was brought last February, but was abandoned on October 22.

Stops the Count and Works Off Cold.
Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets cure a cold in one day. No cure, no pay. Price 25 cents.

MISS CROSEY ARRESTED.

Missing Girl Found in Wilson, N. C., With a Man.

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 4.—Miss Nell Croseby, aged eighteen, who has been missing from her home in Elizabeth City, N. C., since November 12, was arrested in Wilson, N. C., today and positively identified.

She is being held for her father. The girl appeared in Wilson today with a man.

UNION DEPOT AND MALL.

Park Commissioners and Others Confer on Plans.

The members of the Park Commission, consisting of Chairman Burnham, and Messrs. Olmsted and McKim, Mr. Post, architect of the new building for the Department of Justice, Senator McMillan, and Representative Babcock, and several other officials met, this morning, in the Senate Committee Room for the District of Columbia and discussed plans for a union station and the beautifying of the Mall.

The Park Commissioners submitted a number of plans and drawings for the union station and the improvement of the Mall which will be incorporated in their report to the Senate. The plans and drawings will be sent to the Public Printer this week.

Later in the afternoon the Engineer Commissioner of the District and his assistant joined the conference and went over the situation with the Park Commission.

SHOWER HONORS

ON WASHINGTON.

ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE ELECTION.

Dr. Wilson Chosen President and Mr. Ewin Corresponding Secretary.

National Capital Selected for Meeting Place for 1902.

Honors were showered upon Washington at this morning's session in the First Congressional Church of the national convention of the American Anti-Saloon League.

In the first place, the Rev. Dr. Luther B. Wilson, pastor of the Foundry Methodist Episcopal Church, was elected president. Dr. Wilson has been acting president since the death of Mr. Hiram Price, who had been president since the organization of the society, and who died May 31.

Then Mr. James L. Ewin, who is one of the most ardent workers of the local society, was elected corresponding secretary, a new office created yesterday.

At the meeting of the board of directors held immediately after the morning session it was decided, after much discussion, to hold the next annual convention in this city, the week after the opening of Congress in December, 1902.

Other Officers Named.

The other officers elected were as follows: Vice Presidents—Mr. D. Stuart Dodge, New York; Bishop J. W. Hamilton, D. D., California; Hon. John D. Long, Secretary of the Navy; Bishop Benjamin W. Arnold, Washington; Judge Charles A. Pollock, North Dakota; Bishop C. B. Galloway, D. D.; the Rev. Father James M. Cleary, Minnesota.

General Superintendent—the Rev. H. H. Russell, D. D., New York.

Legislative Superintendent—the Rev. E. C. Dwyer, Washington, D. C., Baltimore. Secretary—Hon. S. E. Nicholson, Baltimore. Treasurer—Daniel H. Carroll, Baltimore, Md.

The Executive Committee.

The national executive committee as elected consists of the officers and the following: The Rev. Floyd W. Tompkins, Philadelphia; F. M. Bradley, Washington, D. C.; Col. E. F. Ritter, Indianapolis; Dr. Edward H. Haskell, Boston; Mrs. L. M. Stevens, President National Women's Temperance Union; Mrs. E. J. Phinney, Cleveland; Mr. G. W. Hawkesworth, Falls Church, Va.; the Rev. W. B. Palmer, D. D., New York.

Superintendents of various State Anti-Saloon Leagues made reports at the session.

GOOD LUCK JUST IN TIME.

Man Unable to Find Work Inherits a Fortune.

MUNCIE, Ind., Dec. 4.—Martin Venable came home last night and told his wife that his search for work had been unsuccessful. His wife handed him a letter informing him that he had fallen heir to \$100,000 from the estate of his grandfather in Pittsburgh, Pa.

The estate had been in litigation for months and Venable had given up in despair. He had been working at odd jobs about Muncie and was in straitened circumstances.

PASSED DERELICT AT SEA.

The American Schooner W. H. Card in Water-Logged Condition.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—The Hamburg-American Line steamer Patricia, which arrived at Plymouth today from New York, reports that she passed in mid-ocean the American schooner W. H. Card, abandoned and in a water-logged condition.

Her cargo of timber was keeping her afloat. Her crew had apparently left her in small boats.

MR. STUDEBAKER'S WILL.

Widow and Three Children Get Wagonmaker's Fortune.

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Dec. 4.—The will of the late Elmer Studebaker divides his estate among his widow and three children. The children each get \$5,000 in cash and 2,000 shares in the Studebaker Brothers Manufacturing Company.

Mr. Studebaker received \$25,000 insurance, the Tippecanoe home, 3,000 acres of land for life, and all the personal property.

HOLY GHOST AND US SOCIETY.

Leader of the Sect and Followers Going to Palestine.

LISBON FALLS, Me., Dec. 4.—Rev. F. W. Sanford, of the Holy Ghost and U. S. Society, with about fifty of his followers, has left here for Palestine.

BATH, Me., Dec. 4.—The will of Mrs. Emma A. Alvey, who died in Boston last week, was filed in the Probate Court today.

In it is a provision giving certain pieces of jewelry, including a diamond pin and earrings and two finger rings, to her niece, Miss Louise McKicken, of Brooklyn, to be sold and used by Mrs. Jessie Mayhew Russell, of Mount Vernon, Me., in carrying on the work of the followers of Rev. Mr. Sanford, in the Holy Ghost and U. S. movement at Shiloh.

SALE OF SKIBO CASTLE.

Action Begun to Unseat Mr. Carnegie's Deal.

EDINBURGH, Dec. 4.—An action was begun today by E. C. Sutherland and others against the Standard Life Assurance Company, the Royal Bank of Scotland, and Andrew Carnegie.

The plaintiffs are seeking to upset the sale of Skibo Castle to Mr. Carnegie on technical grounds.

VIRGINIA ASSEMBLY

CONVENES TODAY.

WORK PLANNED FOR LEGISLATURE.

Lawmaking Restricted by Existence of Constitutional Convention—Gossip as to Chairmanship of Committees.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 4.—The General Assembly of Virginia convened at noon today. The general impression prevails among the members of the Legislature that this session will be a short one. Such routine business as can be transacted not in conflict with the work of the Constitutional Convention will be accomplished. This embraces the making of appropriations, canvassing of election returns, filling of vacancies in county judgeships, and election of State officers chosen by the Legislature, whose term expires January 1.

The legislators, however, are watching the Constitutional Convention vigilantly, and resent any control.

Expecting Floods of Charters.
The question of charters is also causing much discussion and anxiety in the Virginia General Assembly. It is rumored that a flood of charters will be introduced early in the session, and that a number of the members will insist that action be taken on some of them before the body adjourns.

As the convention has resolved upon a general charter law, right in its provisions, this session of the Legislature is regarded as the last chance in which corporations may obtain special rights and privileges. Whether the session will be prolonged by the introduction of these charters remains to be seen.

Selection of Committees.

The Senate committees were elected by that body, after having been chosen by a steering committee appointed in the caucus. Senator Wickham will be Chairman of the Finance Committee and president pro tempore.

The selection of Senator W. H. Mann, of Nottoway, as Chairman of the Committee on Privileges and Elections is said to be almost certain. This is seen to be a most important post, when the possible redistricting of the State is taken into consideration. The retiring chairman is Congressman Flood.

Senator Keppell is spoken of as a likely successor to Judge Morris as Chairman of the Committee on Public Institutions.

The text of Governor-elect Montague's inaugural address may depend in some respects upon the Legislature's action in adjourning. If the Legislature is not in session at the time of his inauguration the address will contain much matter which would otherwise be included in a special message.

There is a law requiring the Legislature to be in session at the time of the Governor's inauguration, but such has been the custom, and the programme has been in consideration of that fact, subject to whatever changes may occur before January 1.

JOHNSON DEFEATS CLEVELAND.

Princeton's Council Grants Franchise to Trolley Syndicate.

PRINCETON, N. J., Dec. 4.—In spite of the remonstrances of former President Cleveland and many other prominent residents of Princeton, the borough council last night approved the application of the Tom L. Johnson trolley syndicate for entrance into this place through Witherspoon Street.

The university authorities have made a stubborn fight against granting the franchise. They are strongly averse to having the terminus of the line in front of the university campus.